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We are offering for the coming week:

44 acres farm within one mile of Alma, all improved, good buildings; at a very low price or will exchange for good modern house close in, as part payment.

110 acre farm, 8 miles from Alma, 3 miles to good trading point. Good nine-room house, fine gambrel roof barn 40x60, fine 2-story granary. One of the finest farms in the county; will trade for good modern house in Alma, and give easy terms on balance.

3 acre fruit farm near Alma, fine house, good buildings, good orchard, a very pleasant home, for sale or exchange.

12 acres near Alma, small buildings, to sell or exchange for home in Alma.

80 acres near Wheeler, mostly cleared, good buildings to sell or exchange for Alma city property. To exchange for farm: Good modern house in Alma, located near truck plant and 33 acre farm near Loomis, Mich., with good buildings and well improved.

50 good farms of all sizes and descriptions, for sale on terms to suit the purchaser. If you are looking for a farm it will pay you to call and see me.

Many modern houses in Alma for sale at reasonable terms. If you have a farm or house to sell, call and list it. If you wish to buy call and see us at once, as the time to buy is before people get their coal in.

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\$500.00 A MONTH

Men and women, soldiers, sailors and boy scouts, cordially requested to secure territory and samples of "History of the World War" by Francis A. March, Ph. D., in collaboration with noted war correspondents and military analyst. Introduction by General Peyton G. March, chief of staff, highest officer in United States army. 800 pages, 200 wonderful official illustrations. Credit extended. Four hours a day means \$30.00. A pleasure to sell. Every Service Star a sale. Elegantly bound. Price only \$4.00. Write at once. LIBERTY WAR BOOK ASS'N., 1826-28 Penobscot Bldg., 76-3-c Detroit, Mich.

They also serve who buy War Savings Stamps—if they have and buy to the utmost of their ability, and buy in time.

Classified Ads

Minimum charge of 15c, or five cents a line, counting five words to the line. Positively no ads will be taken for this column without cash in advance, as items are too small to take the trouble to enter charge accounts.

FOR RENT—ROOMS

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, private entrance. 512 Pine ave. 74-2p

FOR RENT—Modern room. Inquire 234 Park ave. 75-2-p

FOR RENT—A modern furnished room, convenient for two 732 Woodworth ave. 75-1-p

FOR RENT—Houses

FOR RENT—House on Grover ave. Inquire W. S. Proud store. 74-1-c

FOR RENT—Good six-room dwelling, or will sell on easy terms to quick buyer. See S. L. Bennett, insurance office, opera house block. 74-2c

FOR SALE—RESIDENCE PROPERTY

FOR SALE OR RENT—Will sell 8-room house with lights, bath and basement, or will rent four rooms vacant or partly furnished. Inquire 808 Pine st. 74-2-p

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR EXCHANGE—Two-week-old calf, Holstein and Durham, for load of hay. Inquire R. E. Downer, 911 Republic ave. 75-1-c

FOR RENT—Barber shop, complete. No investment for fixtures. Best location in city which has population of 4,000. For fifty years has been a success as a barber shop. Great opportunity for a good barber. Rent reasonable. Living apartment if desired. For particulars write James Klien, St. Louis, Mich. 73-1-c

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—100 acres clay soil, fair buildings, good well and windmill, good fences, small orchard, 3 miles from Marion, Mich. Will exchange for merchandise or Alma property. Address Geo. N. Lanphere, Ithaca, 74-1-c

FOR SALE CHEAP—Small chicken coop and some old lumber. Inquire 518 W. Mechanic st. 75-1-p

FOR SALE—Oak sideboard, round dining room table and kitchen range. Inquire 717 3rd ave. 75-1-p

FOR SALE—A quantity of household goods consisting of one dresser, one chiffonier, baby carriage and several other articles. Inquire Mrs. Hubert Brainerd, 521 Liberty st. 75-1-c

FOR SALE—Small steam engine for sale cheap, or will trade for anything that I can use. Inquire of M. McIntosh, Bell phone 106, Alma, Mich. 75-1-c

FOR SALE—Cement plant or one-half interest in same for sale at once at bargain. Complete to manufacture cement blocks. Call or write S. R. Ostler, Saginaw, Michigan or phone No. 47 for details. 75-1-c

FOR SALE—Heating stove, oil heater and some furniture for sale. Corwin's upholstery shop. Opposite Superior Bakery, E. Superior street. I am in no way connected with J. H. Ewing of St. Louis, formerly of Alma. 74-2-p

FOR SALE CHEAP—Three pool tables. E. V. Wier, 211 W. Superior. 74-2-c

FOR SALE—I will sell the W. F. Wier second-hand store, 211 W. Superior at inventory value to first man with cash. E. V. Wier. 74-2-c

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE for value in piano, equity in good building. Inquire Journal office or 203 Park. 74-1-c

FOR SALE—Wood bedstead, full size, and a 3/4 wood bedstead with springs. Inquire at 511 Gratiot. 74-1-c

FOR SALE—Sixty acre farm, 5 miles north of Breckenridge on section 18, Lafayette township. Good five-room house, barn 30x60 with 18 ft. shed on end. Granary and hen house, fence, wire, partly tiled. Price \$6,200. Terms \$1,200 March 1, 1919, balance small yearly payments. Int. 6 per cent. Inquire L. E. Clark, Jr., Carland, Mich. 73-2-p

FOR SALE—Beautiful Walnut piano and bench. Will sell very reasonable if taken before December 25. See Mrs. Bandell. 73-3-p

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Real Estate salesmen, part or all time. Big money for the time you work for us. No limit put on your pay envelope. \$50.00 to \$100.00 a week made easy. No experience needed as we teach you the business and pay you while you learn. Open evenings. Call on The W. Omlay Co., Wright House Bldg. 74-1-c

WANTED—Several ladies to sell real estate. No experience required as we teach you the business and pay you while you learn. Big money for the time you devote to our business. You can work all or part time. Ladies with only a few hours a day to devote to our business can make big money. Call on Mr. Wm. Omlay, Wright House Bldg. 74-1-c

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—Logs or standing timber, any place, all kinds and grades, suitable for merchantable ties or lumber. Will receive in carload lots at your nearest R. R. station. For details write, call or telephone 2689. John Pease, Log Agent, French Lumber & Mfg. Co., Lansing, Mich. 73-3-c

WANTED—SITUATIONS

WORK WANTED—Returned soldier wants employment for winter. Clean army record. Address inquiries to Alma Record, referring E. D. 74-1-c

POSITION WANTED—As housekeeper for widower or small family in city by middle aged woman. Call Bell phone 329. 75-1-c

NOTICES, ETC.

NOTICE—Radiator repairing; all work guaranteed. Sawyer's radiator shop, 213 E. Superior. 74-2-p

MUST INCREASE FOOD EXPORTS

America Called on by End of War to Supply Added Millions.

ECONOMY STILL NEEDED.

Over Three Times Pre-War Shipments Required—Situation in Wheat and Fats Proves Government's Policy Sound.

With the guns in Europe silenced, we have now to consider a new world food situation. But there can be no hope that the volume of our exports can be lightened to the slightest degree with the cessation of hostilities. Millions of people liberated from the Prussian yoke are now depending upon us for the food which will keep them from starvation.

With food the United States made it possible for the forces of democracy to hold out to victory. To insure democracy in the world, we must continue to live simply in order that we may supply these liberated nations of Europe with food. Hunger among a people inevitably breeds anarchy. American food must complete the work of making the world safe for democracy.

Last year we sent 11,820,000 tons of food to Europe. For the present year, with only the European Allies to feed, we had originally pledged ourselves to a program that would have increased our exports to 17,000,000 tons. Now, to feed the liberated nations, we will have to export a total of not less than 20,000,000 tons—practically the limit of loading capacity at our ports. Reviewing the world food situation, we find that some foods will be obtainable in quantities sufficient to meet all world needs under a regime of economical consumption. On the other hand, there will be marked world shortages in some important commodities.

Return to Normal Bread Loaf.

With the enlarged wheat crops which American farmers have grown, and the supplies of Australia, the Argentine and other markets now accessible to shipping, there are bread grains enough to enable the nations to return to their normal wheat loaf, provided we continue to mill flour at a high percentage of extraction and maintain economy in eating and the avoidance of waste.

In fact there will be a heavy shortage—about 3,000,000,000 pounds—in pork products, dairy products and vegetable oils. While there will be a shortage of about three million tons in rich protein feeds for dairy animals, there will be sufficient supplies of other feedstuffs to allow economical consumption.

In the matter of beef, the world's supplies are limited to the capacity of the available refrigerating ships. The supplies of beef in Australia, the Argentine and the United States are sufficient to load these ships. There will be a shortage in the importing countries, but we cannot hope to expand exports materially for the next months in view of the bottle neck in transportation.

We will have a sufficient supply of sugar to allow normal consumption in this country if the other nations retain their present short rations or increase them only slightly. For the countries of Europe, however, to increase their present rations to a material extent will necessitate our sharing a part of our own supplies with them.

Twenty Million Tons of Food.

Of the world total, North America will furnish more than 60 per cent. The United States, including the West Indies, will be called upon to furnish 20,000,000 tons of food of all kinds as compared with our pre-war exports of about 6,000,000 tons.

While we will be able to change our program in many respects, even a casual survey of the world supplies in comparison to world demands shows conclusively that Europe will know famine unless the American people bring their home consumption down to the barest minimum that will maintain health and strength.

There are conditions of famine in Europe that will be beyond our power to remedy. There are 40,000,000 people in North Russia whom there is small chance of reaching with food this winter. Their transportation is demoralized in complete anarchy, and shortly many of their ports will be frozen, even if internal transport could be realized.

To Preserve Civilization. At this moment Germany has not alone sucked the food and animals from all those masses of people she has dominated and left starving, but she has left behind her a total wreck of social institutions, and this mass of people is now confronted with absolute anarchy.

If we value our own safety and the social organization of the world, if we value the preservation of civilization itself, we cannot permit growth of this cancer in the world's vitals.

Famine is the mother of anarchy. From the inability of governments to secure food for their people, comes revolution and chaos. From an ability to supply their people grows stability of government and the defeat of anarchy. Did we put it on no higher plane than our interests in the protection of our institutions, we must beat ourselves in solution of this problem.

Much Good in Kind Words.

Kind words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. Though they do not cost much, yet they accomplish much. They make other people good natured. They also produce their own image on men's souls and a beautiful image it is—Blaise Pascal.

Safety First

Don't allow children to touch the lighted tree.

Don't remove presents from the tree while it is lighted.

Don't leave anything highly inflammable near the tree.

Don't set the tree up haphazardly. Be sure it is securely fastened so it will not tip over easily.

Don't blow a candle out. The flame might be carried against a dry branch and set fire to the whole tree.

Don't fasten any tinsel ornament near any lights on the tree. If one should ignite the blaze would spread all over the tree.

Don't forget to fasten the candles securely to the tree if candles are used. Also avoid placing them under another branch.

Always have a wet sponge convenient to the tree. A candle often burns up too quickly, and the sponge could be used to extinguish it.

Don't leave the tree until you are sure the lights are all extinguished, and never trust the work of extinguishing the lights to children.

Don't light the tree after it has stood in a warm room for three or four days. It becomes so dry it will burn almost as quickly as powder.

Don't trim the tree with cotton to represent snow. Use an asbestos preparation which looks like cotton. This applies particularly to those who illuminate their trees with candles.

Don't light the trees with anything but electric bulbs, if possible. Where it is impossible to use electricity never leave the lighted tree alone and never allow children in the room unless accompanied by a grown-up person.

Don't set the tree up near upholstered furniture. The danger of sparks setting it afire is great. A piece of such furniture might smolder for hours without being discovered—probably not until the family has been in bed some time.

VALUE IS ONLY SENTIMENTAL

Mistletoe One of Most Greatly Admired of Evergreen Plants But is Practically Worthless.

Perhaps none of our evergreen plants is more loved and adored than the mistletoe, with its modest yellowish-green leaves and its clusters of small white berries. For centuries it has been considered an important feature of the Christmas decoration. Yet, in regard to the real value of the plant, the mistletoe is practically worthless.

It is a small shrub comprising more than four hundred known species, mostly tropical and parasitic. In the eastern and southern parts of the United States the common mistletoe grows on various species of deciduous trees. In Europe, it seems to prefer the apple-tree to any other host.

It sends its roots through the bark of the tree and draws sustenance from the sap. However, it is only a partial parasite, for it has green leaves which enable it to do some work in making food for itself.

In some species of mistletoe the flowers are showy, while those of other species are more modest. The pistils and stamens do not grow within the same flower, or even on the same plant, but the pistillate flowers grow on one plant and the staminate on another.

The berries contain flat seeds, surrounded by a very sticky substance, from which birdlime may be made. This birdlime is spread upon places frequented by birds, to impede their movements and render them easily captured. In a similar way it may be used to snare ground-squirrels and other small animals. This is the only practical use that has ever been made of the mistletoe.

The plant grows very slowly, and "not until it is four years old does it bear its first white, translucent berries. However, it drains the vital juices necessary to the growth of the tree, and when many bunches find lodgment upon the same tree, they ultimately cause its decline and death."—Shining Light.

The Circle of Divine Love.

Christmas reverses creation. One gave us man in the image of God, while the other gave us God in the image of man. The two complete the circle of divine love. That the gods should come down in the likeness of man was long recognized as a universal possibility. And yet Christ-stand alone. It has no counterpart in all the recorded manifestations of deity. The story is natural when one recalls of whom it was written. That a man like Jesus should have entered the world by a special door is not strange. He was different from all others. The wine press of his life no one could tread but himself.

That night belongs to no calendar. The very stars were their brightest faces, when from before the depths of space God drew aside his curtains of richest blue. Jesus did not come alone.

Taking Things.

Take things as they come if you know what to do with them when they come. If not, make them come in the manner or quantity that you can handle them.

Wagon Crane.

A Michigan inventor has patented a crane to be attached to any wagon to enable one man to pick up a can of ashes or garbage along a curb and empty it into the wagon.

MASONS INSTALL

Alma Lodge No. 244, F. & A. M., Installed Officers Tuesday.

On Tuesday evening the Alma lodge No. 244, F. & A. M., installed officers for the coming year, and during the evening also enjoyed a splendid musical entertainment and a fine luncheon, which was served in the lodge dining room.

Past Grand Master Herbert Montague, superintendent of the Michigan Masonic Home, installed the officers, who are as follows: Worshipful Master—Howard C. Lake.

Senior Warden—Merrill Stuckey. Junior Warden—George D. Hayward.

Treasurer—A. J. Archer. Secretary—J. E. Fuller.

Marshal—Earl O. Parker. Senior Deacon—E. L. Hoyt.

Junior Deacon—Don Nickerson. Tiler—J. S. Knoetzer.

Senior Steward—C. J. Milliken. Junior Steward—E. G. Sloyter.

Charm of a Rabbit Foot.

An explanation of the marvelous and mysterious properties of the rabbit foot as a good luck piece is to be found in the fact that witchcraft regarded the rabbit as a particularly mystical animal. The favorite disguise of the witches of old was to take the form of a rabbit—a close second was the cat—and records again and again show convictions and executions of women for the fearful crime of changing themselves into rabbits. A rabbit foot was a potent charm against the evil spells of the witch-rabbit.

Controlling the Winds.

Controlling the winds is not yet an aviation triumph. If an aircraft starts from one point to another due east, and there is a wind blowing of 15 miles an hour northeast, that will clearly have to be taken into consideration, up to the compass course altered (before ascending), according to the total distance of the journey.

Well Described.

A short time ago we were discussing a friend, who, while her hair had grown white with the years, had retained a youthful figure. A few days afterward Ruth, referring to her, said, "You know who I mean, Anny—that lady who looks so young behind and so old in front."—Chicago Tribune.

Happiness Above All.

He is a fool and worse than a fool who trades his happiness for any other thing that the world has to offer. If with a crust you are happy, do not trade the crust for a feast. If you buy a fortune with a penny and lose happiness, you have made the worst of bargains.—Aristotle.

Painful Insinuation.

Little six-year-old to young aunt showing him a family portrait: "What a funny way that grandma is dressed, auntie!" "That is the way gentlemen dressed more than a hundred years ago." "Six-year-old?" "And when gentlemen dressed like that, what did you wear, auntie?"

Domestic Diplomacy.

"Brownsome," "To keep you in the family name must occasionally give in to his wife." "And that's right. There are times when I let my wife take me down exactly as I please."

PINE RIVER TAXES

I will be at the following places to collect taxes for Pine River township: At hardware store, Forest Hill, December 12, 19, 26, and January 2 and 9, at the First State bank, Alma, December 13, 20, 27, and January 3, and at the Commercial Savings bank, St. Louis, December 14, 21, 28, and January 4.

Don E. Hayes, treasurer.

AMERICA'S food pledge

20 million tons

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the village of Ithaca, in said county, on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1918.

Present: Hon. J. Lee Potts, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Mrs. Emma Lambert, deceased.

Nelson Bowen having filed in said court his petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to him or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered that the 16th day of January, A. D. 1919, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

A true copy. Attest: J. LEE POTTS, Judge of Probate.

ELLEN M. WALTER, Register of Probate.

Estate of Sarah E. Osborn.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the village of Ithaca, in said county, on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1918.

Present: Hon. J. Lee Potts, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Sarah E. Osborn, deceased.

William K. Osborn having filed in said court his petition praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased now on file in said court be admitted to probate, and that the administration of said estate be granted to William K. Osborn and John J. Osborn, or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered that the 25th day of December, A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

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Estate of Francis S. Palmer.